

INDIA: EMERGING TRENDS IN DRUGS IN MIZORAM

In response to the emerging trends in the field of drugs and HIV/AIDS in Mizoram, India, UNODC conducted a seminar on the following issues: (i) overdose, (ii) amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS), (iii) female injecting drug users and female sex partners of male drug users and (iv) support to the recovering drug user community. The Principal Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, officials from the line departments, NGOs, civil society partners and media attended the seminar. The meeting concluded with the resolution that there should be no further deaths due to drug overdose and that Nalaxone (a drug used to reverse overdose) will be made available in all the district hospitals of Mizoram. Further to this, UNODC will conduct trainings on overdose management for medical officers of the hospitals and a core team on ATS will be formed by the Government of Mizoram.

INDIA: WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH ON ANTI-CORRUPTION

UNODC conducted a workshop on anti-corruption for youth in Punjab, India as part of the 'Volunteer for a better India initiative'. The initiative started by an NGO, Art of Living, focuses at sensitizing youth on a number of social issues affecting the nation. The youth are encouraged to volunteer two hours every week for a cause that they feel strongly about. Since corruption is an important social issue, UNODC conducted a three-hour workshop on anti-corruption titled: 'Know it to fight it.' During the workshop various myths and facts related to corruption were discussed and the youth were given information about whom they can lodge a complaint with should they encounter a corrupt practice. Over 100 youth participated in the workshop that concluded with an interactive question-answer session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

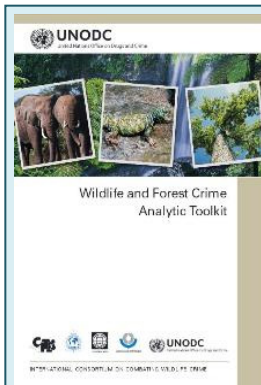
7-8 October 2013, Kathmandu, Nepal: UNODC together with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and Government of Nepal is organizing a workshop on 'Strengthening Criminal Justice Responses for the Protection and Support of Witnesses and Victims in Criminal Proceedings related to Terrorism'. Police officers, prosecutors, judges and relevant policymakers will be attending the workshop.

SOUTH ASIA: SETTING UP OF JOINT PORT CONTROL UNITS



The Container Control Programme (CCP) being implemented globally by UNODC in collaboration with the World Customs Organisation (WCO), has been launched in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Preparations are currently underway to set up Joint Port Control Units (JPCU) in Colombo and Male ports. The Joint Port Control Units will comprise officers from different law enforcement agencies like customs, police, port etc. Over a period of three years, the Units will receive extensive training in profiling high risk containers, targeting illicit drug trafficking, transnational organized crime and other forms of black market activity.

BANGLADESH: LAW ENFORCEMENT IN WILDLIFE CRIME



Bangladesh is home to a diverse variety of wildlife, including the endangered Royal Bengal Tiger and the Asian Elephant. With such rich biodiversity, the country is vulnerable to threats of poaching and illegal wildlife trade. Responding to such threats and in keeping with the newly enacted Wildlife (Conservation and Security) Act 2012, the Department of Forest, Government of Bangladesh, invited UNODC to present a workshop on the implementation of the 'Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytical Toolkit' developed by the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime. Agencies playing a key role in wildlife and forest law enforcement participated in the workshop. Bangladesh will become the first country in South Asia and second in the world to implement this toolkit.

NEPAL: TRAINING ON GENDER SENSITIVE SERVICES FOR WOMEN DRUG USERS



UNODC conducted a training in Pokhara, Nepal on 'Providing Gender Sensitive Services for Women Who Use Drugs and Women Whose Intimate Male Partners Use Drugs'. The training tested the suitability and effectiveness of a manual developed by UNODC and also trained master trainers on using the manual. Twenty four master trainers working with women who use drugs attended the training and the sessions were conducted by resource persons from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Nepal, National Centre for AIDS and STD Control, Government of Nepal and UNODC. Following the training, UNODC will review the manual and share it with relevant stakeholders.

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The office bids farewell to Mr. R.P. Sharma who leaves UNODC to take over as the Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India. Mr. Sharma served as the Anti-Corruption and Crime Prevention Expert at UNODC. We thank him for his contribution to the organization and look forward to strengthened collaboration in the future.

The office bids farewell to Mr. G.K. Goswami who worked on the drug law enforcement project in South Asia. Mr Goswami leaves to take over as DIG (Training) at the CBI Academy, Ghaziabad, UP, India. We wish him success and look forward to closely working with him in his current capacity.

